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1. There are two large depots of material for use in fortification at Elkhovo. One is at the station. The other is in the southern outskirts of the town. The material includes wood for building, planks, cement, lime, iron rods, nails, concrete balks three meters long, prefabricated sections of bunkers, ready for assembly. There are also large logs, about thirty meters long and fifty centimeters at the base. These are mostly pine logs and are moved on freight cars. The supply of bricks is continually being renewed.
2. Molotovka trucks were originally used for transport but have shown themselves impractical in mountainous terrain. Opel Blitz trucks are now being used.
3. The fortifications being constructed consist of trenches. These are 1.20 meters deep, 60 centimeters wide at the bottom, and 1.20 meters wide at the top. The Bulgarians are also building subterranean emplacements for antitank guns and mortars, also subterranean shelters holding from ten to twenty persons. There are also observation posts for platoon commanders, platforms for machine guns, strong points fortified with bricks and concrete, and antitank barriers. On the roads there are concrete blocks which can quickly be put in place to form antitank obstacles.
4. There are important ammunition dumps near the village of Lozarevo, district of Karnobat. Further details on these are being sought.

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